



Dear Mr Henry. Thanks for your letter.

I think perhaps you have too dramatic a view of the difficult situation through which we have passed as a nation. Human nature is frail and when you compare our present and recent past trouble with some of the things that have happened in the past, we are not so badly off.

I think that we have far too great a tendency to flogellate ourselves rather than concentrate on the good things we have achieved. Other people have found that we are pretty well off and as I travel around I find foreigners far less given to denouncing our shortcomings than we do. No party and no country has a monopoly on virtue. We all try to do the best we can. With my good wish
Karl A. Walter

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Dear Mr. Walters:

I am a student of government who only now can write to you. I have been deeply sickened and anguished by Watergate.

I have majored in Political Science and History and have always thought of doing some good for my nation. But with Watergate and the complete and total corruption of our government under Nixon I can not regain my trust in it.

Each day new revelations come out on how evil and corrupt men have made our government. I feel as if I have a complete void in my heart where the feeling of patriotism is to be!

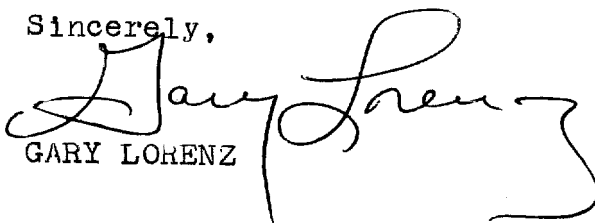
This is why I am writing to you. Please could you tell me how I can regain trust in my elected officials? Please could you tell me how I can help my country get back on the right track?

Also could you send me a personally autographed photo of yourself? One that you wrote both of our names on it.

I truly would appreciate a response from you as I feel you can help me.

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,


GARY LORENZ